IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Marc GERARD et al.

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETECTING SURFACE DEFECTS ON THE

OUTER WALL OF A TRANSPARENT OR TRANSLUCENT OBJECT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 25, 2005

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below.

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